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A Happy New Year to our many readers.

On page six of this issue may be found short biographical sketches of the members of the house from Orleans County and also of the senators and all other state officers from this county. We have aimed to give the facts that will be of general interest

Our extra last week contained al the laws passed by the Vermont legislature at its last session and was sent all subscribers of the Monitor within the state. While you may not want to sit down and read them all through at once they should be laid away and kept for reference

Farmers have a right to hold their hands up and feel important. Secretary Wilson in his annual agricultural report says the farmers of this country have in two years produced wealth exceeding the output of all the gold mines of the entire world since Columbus discovered America.-News and Citizen.

Why not begin the new year aright in one respect at least? Put a little money in the bank this week, next month add a little to it and so on and you will be surprised to see how soon the interest will count. People of this vicinity little realize the banking facilities they have at hand. In our own village are two strong institutions, the Barton National Bank and the Barton Savings Bank, The village of Barton Landing is soon to have a Savings Bank and Trust Company and Newport has two strong tactics of this country, if not of the banks. South of us are good banks both at Lyndonville and St. Johnsbury. Think it over.

WASHINGTON LETTER. From Monitor Correspondent.

The President's energetic advocacy of some measure providing for federal control of railway rates promises to bear fruit, although it is unlikely that such legislation will be enacted at this session of Congress, and it is rates will be conferred on the Interstate Commerce Commission. No one appreciates these facts better than | the president, but he explains that no man ever drove home a nail with just the necessary amount of force and no more, and then he proceeds to strike sledge-hammer blows, on every member of either house of Congress who calls at the White House. The result is that members of Congress, as well as some of the leading railway officials, have become convinced that the time has arrived when something must be done and whey are putting their heads together with a view to devising a satisfactory

the fact is that the problem is most complex and a solution is not easy. It has always been the policy of this government to preserve intact, so far as possible, the three coordinate branches of the government, the executive, legislative and judicial. The Supreme Court has held that the determination of what constituted a just rate was a judicial function, whereas the fixing of a future rate was a legislative function and the Interstate Commerce Commission is largely an executive body, acting under the direction of the president. A fairly perfect law must take cognizance of these facts and of previous supreme court decisions or it will result in nothing but expensive litigation, to be followed by its nullification. These are a few of the legal perplexities of the problem.

The practical features of the problem are almost equally complex. Railroad rates vary in different sections of the country, but so do the cost of railway construction and operation. Again, certain railroads grant certain reductions in rates with a view to establishing special rates along the line of their road, notably the "commodity rate." Again, granted for much the same purpose is the "milling in transit rate," whereby certain roads grant special rates on raw materials manufactured at some point on their line and reshipped as a finished product. For these reasons railroad rates seem bound to vary even in a given section of the country and the commission or body which attempts to define what does and what does not constitute a fair rate will be confronted by a knotty task. One point is certain, however, and that is that good will come out of the president's determined pushing of the legislators in his party and if a prediction can be made with safety it is that the party leaders will arrive at some definite Agreement before Congress convenes

a year hence and will place a law on the statutes during the first session of the Fifty-ninth Congress.

When the Philippine Public Improvement bill passed the senate recently an attempt was made by certain democratic senators to so amend the railway section as to compel such railroads as might benefit by the law to incorporate in their charters a declaration of the right of the Philippins government to fix the rates to be charged by such roads. So attractive did the proposition seem that ten republican senators, including Senator (formerly Attorney General) Knox, voted for it. The amendment was, however, only a coup of partisan politics for the reason that the Organic Act of the Philippines provides that no charaeter shall be issued to any railroad except on the understanding that the Philippine government shall have the right to fix the rates charged. The most important provision of the Philippine Public Improvement bill was the railroad section which was completely redrafted by Senator Spooner just before the passage of the act. This section authorizes the Philippine government to guarantee four per cent. interest, for a period of thirty years, on bonds issued in return for funds actually invested in a system of Philippine railroads. As redrafted this section makes the bonds on which interest is guaranteed a first lien on the railroads and also constitute any interest advanced by the government a lien and in other ways protects the Philippine government from possible loss resulting from bad or fraudulent management.

The president recently appointed the grandson of Stonewall Jackson a West Point cadet and still more recently made J. E. B. Stuart, a son of the famous cavalry leader, "Jeb" Stuart, United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Virginia. It will be remembered that General Jeb Stuart was the officer who succeeded Stonewall Jackson as commander of Jackson's brigade and that, moreover, he revolutionized the cavalry world. He discarded the sabre as the sole arm of the cavalry and furnished his men with carbines, devoting as much time as possible to practice with that weapon. The president declared recently that this country owed Jeb Stuart a debt of gratitude for what he had done in promoting the efficiency of the cavalry arm of the service. Carrying Missouri was a feature of the last election which much delighted the president and to this day he carries about and shows also improbable that the power to fix to his friends a newspaper cartoon which typifies Missouri as a new soldier taken from the democratic ranks and added to the republican regiment. Incidentally, it may be asserted with confidence that nothing will be done with the various measures which have for their object the curtailment of the southern representation in congress. "Better that they should be converted to republicanism and live," says the president to those who appeal to him for sup-

STATE NEWS.

port for such measures.

Received Pardon from Bell.

Everett A. Morse of Calais, sentenced in April to serve three years. the maximum penalty in the state prison at Windsor, received as his Christmas present a pardon from Gov. Bell, and was released Saturday. He signed the names of his father and uncle to a note, on which he borrowed \$600 to buy a stage route. The money was paid back.

Shot in Self-Defense.

George Daniels is in county jail, in St. Johnsbury, having been arrested at West Danville for shooting Charles Shaw. The latter came to Mrs. Harvey Badger's house in a highly intoxicated condition, and Daniels, who works for Mrs. Badger, ordered him out. Shaw went out and came back with an iron bar and Daniels shot iu self-defense, emptying both barrels in Shaw's legs. Daniels will be given a hearing in county court, which is now in session. Shaw is at Brightlook hospital and will probably re-

Caught in Shafting. While Carl Westhorn was lacing a belt in the box shop of L. Baker & Sons, East Richford, December 26, the belt caught and drew Westhorn to the shaft and wound around one leg, carrying him around the shaft, which made about four hundred revolutions a minute. The scalp was nearly torn from his head, both legs were broken, and he was badly bruised. He was taken to the home of his brother nearby, where he died at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning. Mr. Westhorn was twenty-three years old.

A Double Crime Tuesday Night.

Frank Bailey, aged 24, better known in Bennington as Frank Poor, committed suicide in the night by shooting himself with a 38 calibre revolver. A few minutes before, he shot his wife, hitting her in the right wrist and making a painful wound. Bailey's body was found in front of Grant Harbor's residence on Grand View

street at 6:45 o'clock Wednesday morning by C. L. Hudson, who went for Mr. Harbor, and, obtaining a lantern, made a more careful examination of the corpse. It was found lying on the back with a bullet wound in the center of the forehead. Several persons who heard the shot said it was fired at about 12:30 o'clock.

Commissioners Appointed.

The members of the commission recently appointed by Gov. C. J. Bell in accordance with an act passed at the recent session of the Legislature to investigate the various State institutions were in Montpelier Tuesday to consult with reference to the work which they are to do. Governor Bell arrived at noon and Attorney-General C. C. Fitts of Brattleboro came in the afternoon to meet with the commissioners. Governor Bell stated that he expected the investigation will not be begun for a month or more, but that he desired to have the commissioners meet now to formulate plans for the work. Attorney General Fitte will have charge of the investigation on behalf of the state, attending to the presentation of the evidence. On the commission are H. F. Brigham of Bakersfield, C. H. A. Stafford of Morrisville and N. C. Williams of Bellows Falls.

Cost About \$150,000.

The biennial report of the Vermont state cattle commission has just been made public, and contains some highly interesting facts. For ten years the state has bad a law designed to eradicate tuberculosis from the cattle of Vermont. Two years ago changes were made in the matter of indemnity, and some quarantine powers were taken from the commission. All tests are now made on application of the owners, and since the work was first begun more than 99 per cent. of work done has been at the request of the owners. During the ten years has paid about \$150,000 for diseased cattle and expenses attending the work. More than 125,000 cattle have been tested with tuberculin and over 6000 have been killed. A large proportion of the herds found healthy in the first test has been found free from the disease at the second or gallons. The display of fruits and third test. The animals found diseased during the past year have been largely in herds and localities where tests have not been made before.

GENERAL NEWS.

Collision.

The passenger train which left St Louis at 9 o'clock Dec. 27 on the Southern railroad collided head-on with the passenger train leaving Louisville about the same hour, near Mauds station, Ill., Christmas day. One passenger and six employes were killed and two passengers and eight employees were slightly injured. Found Guilty.

The Boston police commission in its findings in the police-Tech clash of the night of Nov. 2 holds nine officers guilty of neglect of duty and reduces five in rank and fines the other four 30 days' pay. Two sergeants in charge of the mounted officers are Chionorated on the change of slugging. No patrolmen are held.

Big Storm.

One of the most severe storms of recent years raged between the Rocky mountains and the great lakes Tuesday, causing much trouble to street car, railroad and telegraph companies. The latter were the greatest sufferers. as the blizzard was preceded by a heavy fog and drizzlng rain. The intense cold and terrific gale coated the wires with ice and later threw the poles to the ground.

The fleet of Admiral Togo having completed the task assigned it at the beginning of the war-that of destroying the Russian squadron at Port Arthur, which it did with the aid, finally, of the Japanese land batteries on 203 Metre hill-the heavy war vessels have now been withdrawn and are probably undergoing repairs to get them in readiness for the coming battle with Admiral Rojestvensky's approaching squadrons. In his official report, Admiral Togo, after describing recent operations by which electricity; washing gold from dirt the Russian war vessels, including the Sevastopol, were disabled, says:-"The main strength of the enemy is completely crushed. Only a weak gunboat, the Otvashni, and several torpedo boat destroyers remain afloat.

"It's hard to lose your daughter, eh?" said the guest at the wedding. "No," replied the bride's father:

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Continued from Nov. 14, '04.

Virginia's exhibit in Agricultural Hall was in the form of a temple. By a temple or pagoda, I do not mean anything small, for they were all about 30x50 feet on the ground and from 30 to 50 feet high. There was one corn stalk that was 24 feet high.

Missouri had a large temple built of corn and grain. There might be seen there the State Coat of Arms, a mule, an eagle, an ox, sheep, pigs and Indians, inlaid with kernels of corn of various colors. A short distance off these pictures looked like paintings, and were very true to life. Those who never saw pictures wrought out of kernels of grain cannot understand their great beauty.

Kentucky had a temple of wheat and corn, as did Colorado and Texas. The latter building was in the form of a star. Inside these temples were rooms fitted up as parlors and reception rooms.

Kansas had a big steer made with kernels of corn and beans, in front of her display; while Nebraska had the hide of a two years old steer, the largest of his age ever in the stock yards at Chicago; mounted on a pedestal in here. It weighed alive 1730 pounds and sold for 26 dollars per hundred, dressed.

Illinois had a fine grain temple, containing Lincoln's half length portrait made with beans. Two years ago the governor of Illinois, and others, offered seed and prizes to boys under 18 for the ten best ears of corn raised. Every boy's plat of SKATES ground to be the same size. A boy 14 years old won the first prize. In the drought of a year ago, he carried water from a well to his corn and kept it growing and thus won. The ears of corn were piled up, many thousand of them. It was among these fine disthe law has been in force, the state plays that I saw a stand piled with packages of "Vermont Chinese Starch." In the display of cedar pails was one that has been used since 1787 and looked good for another century.

> Here was the largest pail ever made. Top diameter 8 feet, bottom diameter 6 feet, depth 6 feet, and will hold 1275 vegetables was immense. Remarkable for quantity, quality, size and the rare shapes. Texas, I believe, had the largest lemons. I was given what the man called a small one; it measured 15 inches around one way and 13 the other. Their largest lemon weighed six pounds; the limes and grape fruit were so large I dare not report their size. The largest orange was 24 inches in circumference and weighed 314 pounds. The largest pear came from California and weighed 41,3 pounds. The largest apple was from Missouri. It measured 21 inches in circumference and weighed 33 ounces. Iowa showed the largest apples as a whole display. She had 225 varieties. The custodian of the exhibit from Arizona very kindly gave me a pomegranate; it is a very rare fruit even in the West. The man from Texas gave me a persimmon. I think it the most delicious fruit I ever tasted. Texas also showed "Japanese chestnuts" in burs and out; they are a very peculiar looking nut. Mississippi showed a watermelon welghing 105 pounds and a pumpkin weighing 100 pounds. There was a wax figure of Uncle Sam with hair and beard made out of hemp and clothes made of binder twine. Mississippi also had a railroad train in active work handling apples. Minnesota had a windmill made of apples. California led in the fruit exhibit both in size and varieties. A bunch of Tokay grapes weighed 27 pounds, one of Black Muscat, 18

Colorado had an interesting display of honey and wax; 200 pounds of wax molded in many odd shapes. The honey, 4000 pounds in one booth, was a sight to people accustomed to see a few pounds at a county fair. The bees are fed mostly on alfalfa, and the honey has a rich flavor never found

The Mines building covers 9 1-10 acres and cost \$500,000. There are many wonderful things to be seen here: Gold nuggets from Alaska locked in a stone safe and lighted by and sand; the process of molding pottery and mining coal; a block of morphine might be seen weighing 3500 pounds. Pennsylvania exhibited a coal mine. Every little detail of the work was shown by wax figures, the breakers, and boys picking up coal, and the machinery was all running; Lot's wife in salt. North gold mine showed a nugget worth \$5000 and a piece of "It did seem hard at one time, but quartz rock that weighed 135 pounds Mary finally landed this fellow just as and was worth \$2000. A block of silver as it was mined weighing 397 pounds and would make \$6630. Alabama showed the statue of Vulcan in east iron and bronze and it was among the big things of the Fair, and called one of its wonders. It is the largest iron casting ever made, and next to "Liberty" the largest statue. It is 56 feet high, and weighs 100,000 pounds. A horse and buggy can go between its legs. Its face is 71/2 feet long, foot 6 feet, arm 10 feet, around waist 184 feet. The block weighed 6000 pounds,

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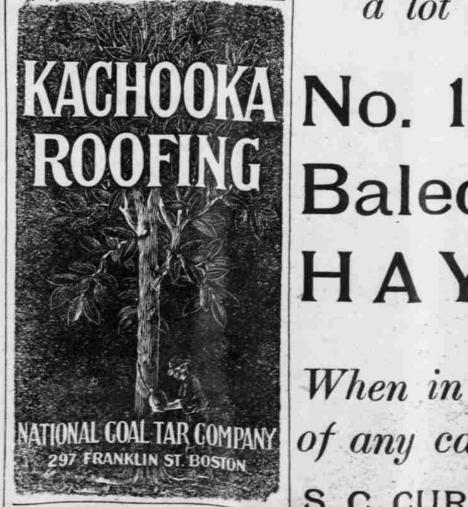
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LYNDONVILLE—NORTH—3:30† a m; 3:401 m; 11:12* a m; 4:20† p m; 4:55* m. SOUTH—12:35* a m; 12:53† a m; 8:80 m; 11:35 a m; 2:03† p m; 5:33* p m;

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